Resolution Supporting the Goal of 20% Clean Energy by the Year 2010

Whereas, North Stonington seeks to take measures to improve air quality standards because of its importance to public health; and

Whereas, clean energy resources, such as wind and solar energy, constantly replenishing themselves, do not cause the buildup of global warming gases and health damaging pollutants, and, if properly managed, will be available to serve our energy needs forever; and

Whereas, the 20% by 2010 campaign is a Connecticut not for profit initiative being undertaken to encourage community action in support of clean energy in an effort to improve public health, create a clean energy market, improve the environment and create job in these technologies; and

Whereas, the North Stonington Board of Selectmen has endorsed the goals of the 20% by 2010 Campaign; and

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Town of North Stonington commit to offsetting at least 20% of its electricity usage with clean energy sources by the year 2010, with clean energy purchases increasing over time to meet the 2010 goal, and

Be It Further Resolved that the North Stonington Board of Selectmen or a Clean Energy Task Force shall monitor on a yearly basis, the 20% by 2010 program, and will continue to research and make recommendations so that North Stonington can reach the 20% by 2010 goal. The elected group will investigate clean energy options; including purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) and/or on-site renewable energy installations and funding opportunities; and

Resolved that the Board of Selectmen shall encourage all businesses, institutions, and households within North Stonington to adopt the goals and purposes of promoting clean energy in our town by purchasing clean energy through Connecticut Clean Energy Options program to advance this program.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2007.